



TUNING UP . . . Larry Albright, 11 (l) and Bill Post, 10, tune up after they formed a duet to participate in the singing program now under way at Torrance parks and playgrounds. Selected vocalists from each area will perform in a city wide song fiesta scheduled for July 19 at the Torrance Park bandshell. (Herald Photo)



GAVEL CHANGES HANDS . . . Turning over the duties of president of the South Torrance Lions Club to Douglas H. Trowbridge, attorney, is Perk Perkins, past president. Trowbridge was installed at a dinner-dance held recently at the Fish Shanty for members and their wives.

### Physician Opposes Outlawing Use of Plastic Garment Bags

ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., County Health Officer

Offhand, it would be difficult to conceive of anything more intrinsically harmless than a plastic garment bag — a limp, inanimate, transparent, thin, pliable object that, it would appear, must surely be devoid of all injurious qualities. Yet, when they are used for purposes other than that for which they were made, these plastic film wrappings may become implements of destruction, causing death by suffocation.

The hazardous nature of the plastic garment bag when misused first received attention a few weeks ago when an Arizona physician learned that, over a two or three month period, four local children had died of suffocation while at play. Suspecting a common cause, he did some medical sleuthing and discovered that the plastic clothing bag currently used by dry cleaners was the indirect cause of death.

THE SAME thing is, of course, true in the case of many items commonly found in the kitchen or bathroom, ranging from household bleaches and the like to medications of all kinds. Deaths of small children occur daily because they are allowed access to these poisons, but abandonment of their use has not been considered.

The protection of small children from all such hazards, including plastic garment bags, is the adult's responsibility. It is true that the bags, innocent as they appear, are dangerous toys. But they were not made to be toys, any more than aspirin tablets were intended to be eaten as candy.

PLASTIC garment bags are therefore just one more hazard for parents to guard against. As a safeguard, adults should positively destroy the bags after removing the clothing or make sure that, until they are removed from the premises, they are placed well out of reach of small hands. Nor should the bags ever be used as crib covers, blanket covers, or sheets. Several infants have died when the bags were so used and subsequently came in contact with the child's face.

JUST A FEW months before, an investigation revealed, plastic film bags had been substituted for the familiar paper cellophane covering cleaned garments. Parents, having no particular use for the bags after the cleaned wearing apparel was put into use, gave them to their children to use as toys.

It is a natural, so to speak, for small children to put the light transparent bags over their heads and run around with them. Upon handling, however, the thin plastic film becomes charged with static electricity and adheres tightly to the child's face, cutting off access to air. Quickly panicked at so young an age, the youngsters frantic struggles simply cause the film to cling tighter, and the end is not long in coming. Nationwide, this tragedy has overtaken more than 30 children during the last 5 or 6 months.

AS A RESULT, it was recently suggested that the use

### Garden Checklist

By California Association of Nurserymen

1. Keep watching tuberous begonias for sign of mildew. Best control is to spray before it shows up.
2. Keep transplanting bearded iris that are crowded. Save only the strong, healthy new growths. Check nurseries for new bearded iris varieties.
3. Provide shade for transplanted nursery seedlings. A shingle will do the trick very nicely.
4. Keep after snails and slugs with bait or pellets. Control is so easy, there's no excuse for letting them damage your plants.
5. Cut back marguerites to keep them in good shape and to freshen them for the new blooms.

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### Set July 20 as Deadline On Equalization Petitions

Property owners wishing to file petitions for equalization of assessed valuations must do so between July 6 and July 20, Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced today.

Pointing out that the Board of Supervisors will sit as a Board of Equalization during the month of July, Chace outlined the procedure to be used by taxpayers in filing their petitions:

1. Last year's tax bill or legal description of property should be presented to the Deputy in charge of the assessment roll index at the County Assessor's Building, Washington and Hill Street, Los Angeles.
2. At the Assessor's each property owner will be given the opportunity to examine the valuation placed on his property and compare it with the assessed valuation of adjacent property.
3. If still not satisfied, then opportunity will be given to discuss case with a Deputy Assessor.
4. Those still believing that the assessment is not equitable will then sign a petition which must show reasons for requesting a change of assessment. Deputy Assessor will assist in filling out petition.
5. After petition has been checked and given a number, it will be assigned a tentative hour and day when either property owner, or authorized agent, can appear for hearing in Room 501, Hall of Records, 220 North Broadway, Los Angeles.

"This hearing could be any time after two hours from filing the petition," Supervisor Chace warned. "Every effort will be made to schedule a certain number of petitions to be heard each hour, but because of the difference in the facts and number of parcels involved in each case, the time element could vary greatly. This is why property owners who wish to appear before the Board should so schedule their time that they will have at least two hours' leeway, as possible."

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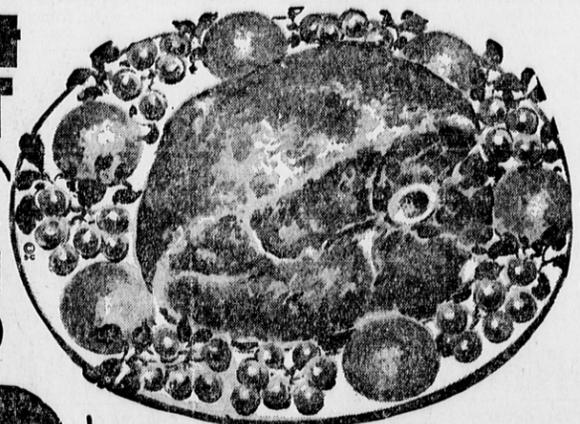
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